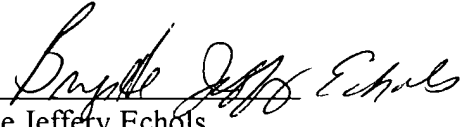


Remarks

Claims 1-24 have been elected and amended. Claims 25-50 have been cancelled.

The Applicant believes that these amendments deal with all outstanding matters and raise no new matter issues. Applicant has elected the species identified in claims 1-24 for prosecution on the merits. Favorable reconsideration on the basis of these amendments and remarks is requested.

Respectfully submitted

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